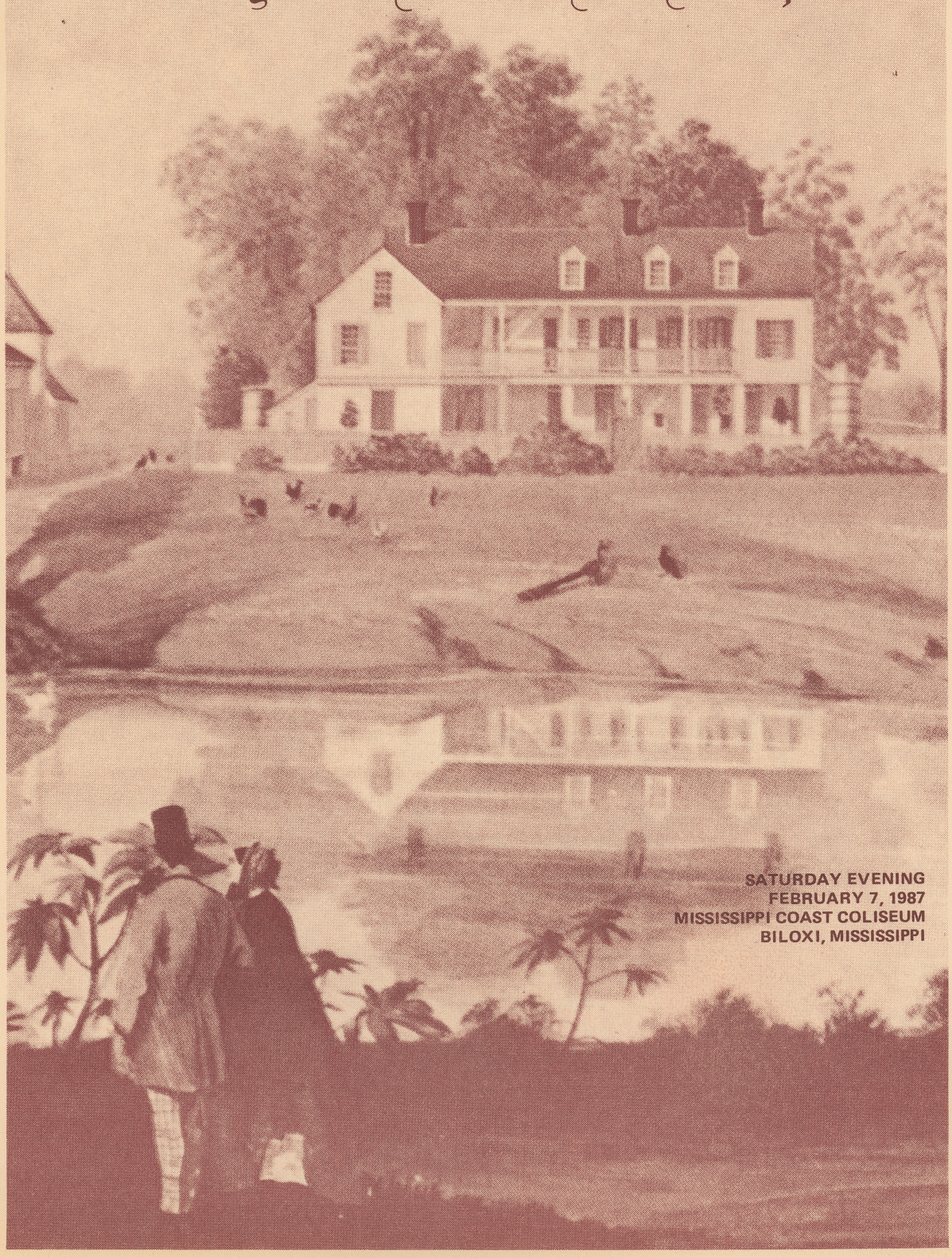
The Krewe of Nereids

presents

Twenty-first Annual Bal Masque



SATURDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 7, 1987
MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

And so it was . . . .

Dixieland

THEN I wish I was in DIXIE, Hooray, Hooray.
In DIXIELAND I'll take my stand, to live and die in DIXIE . . .
AWAY . . . AWAY . . . AWAY . . . DOWN SOUTH IN DIXIE."

ONE word . . . "DIXIELAND" . . . says it all! THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS gave BIRTH TO THE BLUES . . . MEMPHIS created JAZZ . . . but it was NEW ORLEANS that combined the two and came up with a hot "NEW SOUND" . . . that will live on forever . . . and it's JAZZ . . . DIXIELAND STYLE! But, when you say DIXIELAND, you think of more than just MUSIC . . . because it is oh, so much more! DIXIELAND stretches from the CAROLINAS to the TEXAS border; and from the hills of KENTUCKY to the sunny shores of FLORIDA. It's hummin' "Carolina in the Morning" and strummin' "Kentucky Babe" at night. It's the GOSPEL SINGERS on the LEVEE and the PADDLEWHEELERS churning down the muddy MISSISSIPPI! It's COTTON FIELDS and ANTEBELLUM HOMES. It's mouth-savory BLACK-EYED PEAS and those tasty HAM HOCKS. It's a "SOUTHERN BELLE" in hooped skirt peeking over her fan, when a "RIVER BOAT GAMBLER" comes 'a callin'! It's "SHOWBOAT DANCERS" and Mammy's LITTLE BABIES doing a "Shortenin' Bread" routine. Truly, DIXIELAND is more than MUSIC . . . or FOOD . . . or PLANTATIONS or even a STYLE OF LIVING! DIXIELAND is warm HOSPITALITY, gracious FRIENDSHIP and a deep feeling for one another. DIXIELAND is not just a place . . . it's a PEOPLE. The PEOPLE OF DIXIE are a proud and happy breed! So Y'ALL COME . . . . one and all . . . . and ENJOY . . . . .

OH, I wish I were in the LAND OF COTTON . . . Old times there are not forgotten . . .
Look away, Look away, Look away . . .
DIXIELAND!"

AS our TABLEAUX unfolds this evening . . . we invite you to COME . . . join us, as TOGETHER . . . we share that wonderfully warm feeling, you can only KNOW and ENJOY in the deep South . . .
"AND SO IT WAS . . . DIXIELAND".

Our BANDSTAND comes alive, as we hear a . . . rousing "DIXIELAND OVERTURE" . . . so MAESTRO, IF YOU PLEASE! ! !

a. The CAPTAIN'S whistle officially signals the beginning of our TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SPECTACULAR BAL MASQUE . . . . as . . . . WE WELCOME . . .

b. The ROYAL COURT of 1986 . . . recalling our purple, green and gold salute to the WONDERMENTS OF CARNIVAL . . . recalling our ball presentation . . . . "IT'S MARDI GRAS TIME . . . . NATURALLY . . . . N'AWLINS STYLE" . . . .

c. All Hail our 1986 KING and QUEEN . . .

d. Behold the spotting of the CREST OF NEREIDS, as a prelude to the nostalgia and excitement of our . . . "DIXIELAND" tribute . . .

e. Our FANTASY comes alive . . . . as we reveal . . . . our PLANTATION SCENE, filled with the FAMILIAR CHARACTERS OF . . . those "DAYS GONE BY" . . .

f. Portraying those "ever gracious" . . . "SOUTHERN BELLES" . . . our "KREWE OFFICERS" arrive . . . to extend an official WELCOME TO OUR BALL . . . and signal for our . . . DIXIELAND FESTIVITIES to begin . . .

g. From the enchanting REALM OF THE GRACIOUS OLD SOUTH, the "LADY" of the Plantation Manor arrives, offering the traditional hospitality of . . . the CAPTAIN OF NEREIDS . . .

h. Y'ALL COME ON ALONG . . . we're going down to the LEVEE. It's that special happening . . . when, around the river's bend . . .

i. "HERE COMES THE SHOWBOAT" . . . as we are treated . . .

j. To the SHOWBOAT'S ever popular . . . "MINSTREL SHOW" . . . "MELODRAMA THEATRE" . . . and . . . "CAN-CAN" . . . before . . .

k. The arrival of the Honored Guests for "A SOUTHERN PLANTATION WEDDING". Our MAIDS and DUKES portray the Dignitaries invited to enjoy a joyous DIXIELAND CELEBRATION . . .

"MAGNOLIA GROVE PLANTATION" . . . Gadsden, Alabama
. . . GOV. WILLIAM JACKSON PARKER III
. . . The FIRST LADY OF THE STATE . . . his wife, "RACHEL"

"MOUNT GRANITE PLANTATION" . . . Stonewall, Georgia
. . . The Honorable GEORGE RANDOLPH HARRISON, JR.
. . . And his LOVELY WIFE . . . "MARIANNE"

"SWEET OLIVE TREE PLANTATION" . . . Hickory Hill, Tennessee
. . . GOV. JEFFERSON WARD McHOLLOWAY
. . . "ELLEN MARIE" . . . the LADY OF THE MANSION

"ROSELAWN PLANTATION" . . . Trio, South Carolina
. . . GOV. BUFORD WILLIS JOURDAN III
. . . His FIRST LADY . . . "ANNABELLE"

"RIVERVIEW'S END PLANTATION" . . . Convent, Louisiana
. . . ADM. CLAIBORNE DuARTE DEVERAUX IV
. . . His LOVELY WIFE . . . "MELANIE SUE"

"SEVEN OAKS PLANTATION" . . . Natchez, Mississippi
. . . GOV. ALEXANDER WARFIELD GREENWOOD
. . . MISSISSIPPI'S FIRST LADY . . . "ALYCE LEE"

l. Hail QUEEN DORIS XXI, personifying the . . . 'SPIRIT OF DIXIELAND' and reigning as . . . QUEEN OF OUR BALL . . .

m. HER ROYAL MAJESTY now calls for . . . the CAPTAIN to escort . . .

n. KING NEREUS XXI, who bids that his subjects enjoy with him . . . the JOYS OF THE OLD SOUTH . . . in this tribute to DIXIE . . .

o. HONORED GUESTS are received at the REGAL THRONE . . . before . .

p. The ROYAL COURT in a "GRAND PROMENADE" . . . amid DIXIE CULTURE . . . CUSTOMS . . . and CONGENIALITY . . .

q. All is in readiness for "THE PLANTATION WEDDING" . . . DIXIELAND style . . .

r. The NEREIDS KREWE MEMBERS . . . invite you to enjoy with them, their mad-cap, merry-making madness, that is . . . "DIXIELAND" . . .

s. All enjoy the "GRAND FINALE"! . . . when . . .

t. Our "SOUTHERN BELLES" . . . the OFFICERS . . . do a curtsy and give a "DIXIE SALUTE" to YOU their invited guests . . . and . . .

u. The gracious and charming . . . CAPTAIN OF THE KREWE . . . bids you a nostalgic . . . "FAREWELL" . . . until we all meet again at next year's SUPER SPECTACULAR . . . . . NEREIDS BAL MASQUE EXTRAVAGANZA!

v. The "CALL OUT DANCES" begin . . . after which . . . GENERAL DANCING adds to the happy excitement of our . . . tribute to a . . . STYLE OF LIVING . . . that will always be a part of our very own . . . "DIXIELAND".

The Royal Court of 1987

King Nereus XXI

Dukes to His Majesty

MR. PHILIP W. LANGSTON
MR. ELADIETO E. ALCALEN
DR. ALLEN J. KOSKAN, JR.
MR. KEVIN R. EDWARDS
MR. DANIEL S. FOY, JR.
MR. DANIEL K. HANDSHOE

Trainbearers to Her Majesty

MASTER PIERRE FRANCIS GAUDIN III
MISS ELIZABETH DIANE MASSON
MASTER NICHOLAS KIRK NECAISE
MISS HEATHER DENISE WEEKS

Recollections

1967
Cavalcade of American Dance
King Nereus I - Cornelius K. Herlihy *

1968
Era of Laughter
King Nereus II - Merlin R. Markel

1969
Carnival in Rio
King Nereus III - Henry Develle, Jr. *

1970
Spirit of America
King Nereus IV - W. Ray Gordon *

1971
Opening Nights
King Nereus V - James DeBlanc

1972
Three Ring Circus
King Nereus VI - Haskell L. Doyle

1973
Echoes of Famous Streets
King Nereus VII - John Gallagher

1974
The Enchanted Toy Shop
King Nereus VIII - T. Dixon Ashman

1975
The Jazz Age
King Nereus IX - David L. Johnson

1976
Hawaii, The 50th State
King Nereus X - Lucien M. Gex, Jr.

1977
State Fair
King Nereus XI - Vincent Schott

1978
Oooh La La, Paree!
King Nereus XII - Clifford P. Vogt *

1979
Classic Greece
King Nereus XIII - Luke Caruso

1980
Space Fantasy
King Nereus XIV - Robert W. Wyatt, Jr.

1981
Fiesta! Fiesta!
King Nereus XV - Donald W. Diboll

1982
The Adventures of Alice
King Nereus XVI - Arthur J. Chapman III

1983
Yankee Doodle Dandy
King Nereus XVII - Thomas W. Kidd

1984
It's a Small World
King Nereus XVIII - Gerald C. Gex

1985
Sunday in the Park
King Nereus XIX - Alvin G. Bernard

1986
It's Mardi Gras Time
King Nereus XX - Harold M. Hitt

** Deceased*

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KREWE OF NEREIDS PARADE Sunday, February 22, 1987, 2:00 P.M. Highway 90, Waveland